

September 30, 2008

The Honorable Ed Schafer
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Jamie L. Whitten Building, Rm. 200-A
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Shafer:

During the Spring of 2008, the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board (the Board) conducted a focus session entitled "Educating the Future Work Force for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Areas."

Enclosed for your consideration is copy of the Board's final report on this subject matter area. The Board believes that the suggestions offered will help to improve the Department's initiatives associated with work force development for agriculture and related areas.

As always, I remain available to discuss our findings with you at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. A. Massengale".

Martin A. Massengale
Chair

Enclosures

cc: Deputy Secretary Conner
Under Secretary for REE Buchanan
U.S. House and Senate Agriculture and Appropriations committees/subcommittees